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News of South Richmond.

WOMAN HELD RESPONSIBLE

Lora Coleman Charged by Coroner's Jury With Death of Aged Mother.

Responsibility for the death of her mother was laid at the door of Lora Coleman, colored, twenty-five years old, yesterday morning by the coroner's jury, which was summoned by Dr. John W. Brodnax, to investigate the circumstances surrounding the demise of Annie Richmond, an aged negro woman, who died Wednesday morning at the City Hospital.

The cause of the death was determined to be from burns and wounds received in a fire which broke out in the house of 223 Hull Street, during the course of which a lighted lamp, thrown by the daughter, struck the aged parent on the side of the head. The lamp broke and oil ran over the woman, and catching fire, seriously burned her about the face and neck. The broken glass also inflicted a small gash.

The inquest was held at the office of Dr. Brodnax, and lasted from 10 o'clock until the afternoon. A large number of witnesses were examined. The accused woman is confined in the City Jail. The date for the preliminary hearing has not yet been fixed by Justice Maurice, but will probably be held to-morrow morning.

With Justice Maurice.

Acting under orders of the court, the seven-year-old pickaninny who attempted to wreck a Southern Railway freight train by throwing a switch in the freight yards yesterday morning took the boy in the act by the Third Station and gave him a thrashing that will cause him to remember switches for some time to come. The boy was caught in the act by a railroad detective.

Larus Lawrence, who was charged with attempting to defraud a boarding house out of \$20, was dismissed when the complainant failed to show the criminal intent. The plaintiff was advised by Justice H. A. Maurice to bring a civil action for the recovery of the money.

To Reopen Store.

After a two weeks shut-down caused by the building being destroyed by fire, the general store and post-office at Granite, Chesterfield County, will resume business this morning under the management of A. S. Hatcher, the former proprietor. A new building, a one-story frame structure, has been erected by Mr. Hatcher near the site of the burned store. While not fully completed, it will be ready for rush business.

The Southern Railway Company is planning the erection of a station to replace its burned office. It is said that the building will be started within a few weeks. The company, in former years, rented quarters. No available building can be secured and it will be necessary to build.

William A. Brooks.

William A. Brooks, fifty-one years old, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at Pine Camp. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Ruth Brooks, of 412 West Seventh Street. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her home. Burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Small Fire Does \$25 Damage.

Fire, originating from a defective stove, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock damaged a small building in the rear of 223 Hull Street to the extent of \$25. The building was occupied by the Coleman family. The flames had gained little headway before the arrival of Engine Company 12. The fire was extinguished with the aid of chemicals.

Hear Three More Witnesses.

At the resumption of the case this morning, three witnesses will be placed on the stand by the attorneys in the suit of the Virginia Amusement Company against the Virginia State Fair Association. The case has already taken five days with the hearing of evidence, but will probably go to the jury before noon. Damages placed at \$5,000 are sought for alleged breach of contract.

Arguments Are Completed.

Arguments on instruction were completed yesterday by the attorneys in the suit of Cawley against Ryder, on trial for the past three days in the Chesterfield Circuit Court. The case will be given to the jury this morning and a decision is expected before night. At the last hearing of the suit a verdict in favor of the plaintiff was returned for \$345. This was set aside by Judge R. G. Southall.

Realty Transactions.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were placed on record yesterday with Clerk Walter E. DuVal of Hustings Court, Part II:

R. A. and Harvey Bowen to J. M. Sydney, W. H. Morris, T. M. Harvey, and E. L. Sutton, four lots, with improvements thereon, known as 35, 37, 39 and 41 Vaden Avenue, with a frontage of 267 feet on the east line of Vaden Avenue, near Bainbridge Street, for a consideration placed at \$5,000.

J. W. Blunt to Julius R. Mosby, eight lots with a frontage of 361 feet on the south line of Stockton Street, between Twenty-second Street and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, for \$190 and other valuable considerations.

Personal and General.

A Valentine tea for the benefit of the building fund of the church was given last night at the home of Mrs. A. E. Grimes, 717 Decatur Street, by the women of the Decatur Street Methodist Church.

An interesting meeting of the Swansboro School and Civic League was held yesterday afternoon at the schoolhouse. Several speakers made short addresses. Dr. Douglas Freeman spoke on the subject of "Health." A musical program was attractively rendered.

Miss Ruth Stansbury of Richmond was the guest of Miss Ellen Remick.

Wednesday night, at her home at Granite.

Revival services at Weatherford Memorial Church are drawing large congregations this week. Rev. J. Saunders Jones is assisting Rev. W. C. Saie, the pastor.

W. Brodnax, brother of Dr. John W. Brodnax, continues very ill at Pine Camp, where he has been a patient for some time.

DAIRYMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Attendance at Convention Is Largest in History of Association. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Staunton, Va., February 12.—The Dairymen's Convention had a full day and by far the largest attendance in the history of the association. It adjourned after electing officers as follows: Joseph A. Turner, of Hollins, re-elected president; W. D. Saunders, secretary and treasurer. Board of directors—W. D. Saunders, Richmond; W. K. Brainerd, Blacksburg; W. C. Hoover, Timberville; A. F. Howard, Farmville; J. T. Haldeman, Winchester; T. P. Shelton, Burkeville; J. B. Andrews, Roanoke; Peyton Rowe, Fredericksburg, and T. J. Strauch, Richmond.

A resolution was adopted asking Congress to enact such legislation as will prevent oleomargarine being offered in the semblance of butter and favoring for this purpose the Hauden bill. Butter exhibits for scoring all over 90 were as follows: Valley of Virginia Creamery Company, Wytheville, 92; Timberville Creamery Company, 91.5; John A. Bechtel, of Williamsburg, 91.5; Lynchburg Creamery Company, 91; G. H. Carr, of Ivy, 90.5. The Chamber of Commerce tendered the dairymen a reception this evening, at which there were refreshments.

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MAY MARK BIRTH OF NEW CIVILIZATION

Scientist Sees Vast Possibilities in Discovery of Sir William Ramsay.

Washington, February 12.—Commenting upon the possibilities of Sir William Ramsay's discovery of the "birth of the atom," William Kearney Carr, Washington scientist, declared that this remarkable disclosure concerning the theory of matter may mark the birth of a new civilization, in which man no longer will be a slave to the material world, but will be possessed of powers now undreamed of.

If the meagre telegraphic reports from London as to the findings of the eminent British scientist are true, it means, according to Mr. Carr, that the theory that there is no such thing as matter, in the sense in which the word is commonly used, has been confirmed, and that a method has been found whereby it is possible to create new elements.

Conducts Experiments.

Mr. Carr was seen in his laboratory at 1413 K Street Northwest, where he has been engaged in making experiments similar to those conducted by Sir William Ramsay. It is his belief that science will be revolutionized by the discovery. The possibilities of its influence upon religion and philosophy, he declares, may be considered incalculable.

The remarkable development in the uses of electricity, following the discovery of this force, will be infinitesimal as compared with the extent to which the power to create elements will be seized upon by man in the effort to produce a higher order of life, in the opinion of Mr. Carr. Scientists all over the world, he predicts, will turn to this new field of opportunity, which he considers practically limitless.

Telephone Improvement.

As a suggestion of what the future may bring forth in view of the Ramsay disclosures, Mr. Carr suggested that it may be possible to create an element so sensitive to light and electricity that persons using a telephone will be able to see each other at the time they are in conversation.

He is not unreasonable to suppose, he pointed out, that life may be greatly prolonged through the creation of new elements that will be effective for this purpose. In brief, his conclusions are that the possibilities of the new discovery are so far reaching that it is impossible to estimate just where the benefits that may be expected to confer upon man will end.

Briefly expressed, the disclosures of Sir William Ramsay do not constitute a discovery, but they are rather the confirmation of a theory, according to Mr. Carr, which was advanced by Anaxagoras, a Greek philosopher, 500 years before Christ. This theory was that no phenomenon could be accounted for unless it was assumed that the universe was filled with an all-pervading substance called ether.

Other Theory Confirmed. It has remained for Sir William Ramsay to show that matter merely is a manifestation of ether. In other words, Mr. Carr points out, the discovery confirms the theory that matter, as the term is generally understood, does

not exist, but that it represents the vortices of ether.

The British scientist, therefore, created a substance by giving a whirl to ether. The exact method employed, according to the press dispatches, was with cathode rays. This plan is said to be a simple one, and will make possible experiments on a large scale by scientists who are not provided with elaborately equipped laboratories.

The discovery, according to Mr. Carr, confirms the claim of Christian Scientists that no such thing as matter exists. It proves, he said, that everything in the universe merely is a peculiar arrangement of ether.

TAZEWELL IS BOOMING.

Southwest Town Enjoys Steady, Substantial Growth.

Tazewell, Va., February 12.—Tazewell is on the verge of a—not exactly boom—but a good, steady, substantial growth. In addition to the proposed addition of the courthouse, there is every prospect that a new hotel will be erected here in the near future. In addition, a number of new residences will be built during the coming year.

Recently when it was rumored that one of our citizens contemplated moving to a neighboring town, no less than five applicants were made to rent the residence within a week, and the first man to erect five modern residences for rent will be assured of a steady income on his investment.

Glee Club at Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 12.—The Richmond College Glee Club to-night appeared at the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium, before a large and appreciative audience. The concert was given under the auspices of the First Baptist Church. One of the members, W. B. Hamilton, Jr., is a son of the pastor of that church.

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Odds and Ends From the Wire

BRIDE IGNORES DEATH.

Widowed in Gown She Wore to Mother's Funeral. Danville, Pa., February 12.—Immediately after her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Crumb, was buried here, Miss Sophia Crumb, was wedded to Frank E. McArran, of this place. The bride explained that the wedding day had been set and that she did not desire to change it, she having a belief that postponed weddings are unlucky.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the home, where a few minutes before the coffin with the mother's body had stood. The garment the bride wore at the funeral was her wedding gown.

GETS HER WISH: SHE'S 100.

Miss Martens Reaches Century Mark and Is Likely to Go Well Beyond. Washington, N. J., February 12.—Miss Jane Martens, of Asbury, achieved the ambition of years, which was to live to 100 years old. It looks as if Miss Martens might go well beyond the mark she set herself, for her health is good and she is still physically active.

Friends visited her at her home to-day and showered her with congratulations. Miss Martens has a brother, eighty-seven years old, and a sister, Mrs. Esther Hanchart, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Hanchart, who lives in Philadelphia, is also past eighty years.

HEN HATCHES TO HONOR TAFT.

Wintry Winds Do Not Deter Ardent Republican's Hobbies. Winnetka, Conn., February 12.—E. E. Moffatt, a foreman for the Winnetka Hooley Company, was such an ardent Republican that he, according to his friends, wanted whatever chickens he raised this summer hatched under the Taft regime, so twenty-one days ago he placed eggs under a hen which showed every sign of being a Republican.

Two days later he found two eggs broken and replaced them with good ones. To-day Moffatt found twelve chicks in the nest, and now he has additional duties keeping the chicks from freezing to death. Most of the first this year in this county, and probably the State.

OFFERS TO SELL HIS BODY.

Plan Devised by Hungry Man to Get Money to Buy Food. Philadelphia, Pa., February 12.—Driven to despair because of hunger, illness and inability to secure work, H. M. Smith, of the streets of Philadelphia, has been tramping the city for three weeks, offering himself for sale to any physician or medical college in exchange for enough money to get something to eat. Smith said that any purchaser could find him at the Friendly Hospital, where the Society for Organizing Charity permits him to sleep two nights a week.

According to Smith, he drove a delivery wagon in Middle River, near Baltimore, until he was taken sick and was forced to undergo an operation at the Mercy Hospital. Baltimore, after which he could not get any work, he came to this city. Fruitless search for employment finally drove him to the streets, but he says that several of the men who have taken him in because he did not have 10 cents for a bed, have taken the rag from the stove and put it in his mouth. He died to-day.

LINIMENT RAG KILLS BABY.

Little Toddler Taken Out of Stove When He Tried to Warm Himself. Chester, Pa., February 12.—Using a bit of cloth, saturated with poison liniment, Mrs. Calvert Calvert, of this city, thrust it in the stove when the bell called her to the door. As she returned she found her two-year-old son, Robert, had taken the rag from the stove and put it in his mouth. He died to-day.

RAG BALE YIELDS DIAMONDS.

Canadian Mill Girls Keep Them, Despite New York Claimants. Malone, N. Y., February 12.—While sorting over a bale of old rags in a paper mill near Cornwall, Ont., girls found a lot of valuable diamonds, and the find created excitement in the mill. The rags came from the American side, and have been traced, it is said, to New York City.

Claimants for the diamonds found are now being heard from. One is Mrs. W. B. Lawson, of New York, who writes that last sum-

Escaped Murderer, Now More Than Sixty, Surrenders to Governor.

Jackson, Miss., February 12.—Tom Atkinson, who twenty-nine years ago escaped from the State penitentiary while under life sentence for murder, walked into Governor Brewer's office and surrendered. Atkinson is more than sixty years old. His friends hope to obtain a pardon for him.

Four years ago Atkinson defied two companies of militia sent to Winston County to capture him.

NEGROES FLEE FROM JOKE.

Abandon Houses When Some One Posts Warning Notices. Cairo, Ill., February 12.—Negroes at Charleston, Mo., near here, frightened by placards posted on their cabins, warning them to leave within thirty days, are fleeing in all directions.

Many arrive in Cairo daily, and others have gone to Poplar Bluff and Sikeston, Mo. A promise from the authorities to protect the negroes thus far has failed to stop the exodus.

The posting of the placards is believed to have been the work of a joker.

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